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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, NS

SUBJECT: STRIKE SITUATION

SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE TO RELEASE AT LEAST SOME  
SEDITION DETAINEES TO START NEGOTIATIONS.

1. SEDNEY HAS REPEATED OFFER TO UNIONS TO TALK AND HAS EXPLAINED  
THAT SINCE ARRESTEES NOW UNDER CONTROL OF JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES,  
GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RELEASE THEM. OTHER GROUPS HAVE CALLED ON  
GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE STRIKERS AND BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH  
AS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, GROUPS OF NON-STRIKING WORKERS,  
PROMINENT CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO SOME AUTHORITIES, GOVERNMENT  
HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RELEASE ACCUSED PERSONS, EVEN AFTER  
JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEGUN, IF IT DEEMS THAT HIGHER NATIONAL  
INTEREST WOULD BE SERVED. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE GOVERNMENT MAY  
RELEASE AT LEAST THOSE ARRESTEES OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO  
UNIONS TO GET UNIONS TO NEGOTIATING TABLE AND UNBLOCK SITUATION.  
PUBLIC AND BUSINESS OPINION HAS BEEN BUILDING UP AGAINST THE  
GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF SITUATION WHICH  
HAS PRODUCED GROWING PUBLIC UNEASE DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSING, AND  
CONTINUING AIR OF UNCERTAINTY AND NERVOUSNESS.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWS REPORT, NETHERLANDS SECTION OF UNITED  
HINDUSTANI PARTY (VHP) WILL CALL AT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN THE  
HAGUE TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN SURINAM AND "ENQUIRE IF THE

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVING SERIOUS ATTENTION TO SITUATION  
IN SURINAM, NOW THAT NETHERLANDS DOES NOT WISH TO FULFILL  
HER CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS".

3. IT STILL NOT CLEAR WHO WILL FORM THE SURINAM SECTION OF THE  
REALM COMMISSION AT MEETING IN CURACAO RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH  
12. FEW FIRST RANK POLITICAL LEADERS ARE LIKELY TO GO, UNLESS  
THERE IS LAST MINUTE BREAK IN SITUATION HERE. WE UNDERSTAND  
DEVELOPMENT MINISTER FRANK ESSED INTENDS TO HEAD THE SECTION.  
JOHNSTON

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